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**FAMILY REUNION** —The sisters of Francis Gary Powers are reunited with their U2 pilot brother for the first time since his release by the Russians Feb. 10 at Tuesday's hearing

before the Senate Armed Services Committee. SUN Reporter Betty Jones who made the arrangements for the reunion with Central Intelligence Agency officials is at far right. Arm in

arm with her brother is Mrs. Veril W. Melvin, 1004 Nealon Drive, Falls Church. The other sister is Mrs. W. E. Hileman, Glassmanhor, Md. (UPI Telephoto)

### At Crowded Public Hearing

## Shy Sister Almost Misses Reunion With Gary Powers

By BETTY JONES

WASHINGTON — Too shy to announce that she is Francis Gary Powers' sister, a Falls Church housewife almost missed a reunion with her U-2 pilot brother at the close of a crowded public hearing before U. S. Senators Tuesday.

Mrs. Veril Melvin had not seen nor talked to her brother since his release from a Russian prison Feb. 10.

**SHE STOOD** on the edge of the milling, pushing crowd surrounding Powers after Senate Armed Forces committee members had commended the pilot for his conduct during capture and imprisonment.

Her brother, facing a hearing

of television cameras, was unaware that Mrs. Melvin was at the hearing.

A SUN reporter told the Central Intelligence Agency counsel accompanying Powers that Mrs. Melvin and Powers' other sister, Mrs. W. E. Hileman of Glassmanhor, Md., were present and hoped to see their brother.

The official replied, "I suppose they can see him for a few minutes."

A Capitol policeman was sent to the other side of the crowd to bring Mrs. Melvin and Mrs. Hileman to Powers' side.

Powers, still in a dark suit, was seen

Nealon Drive, drove to the Senate committee hearing with a SUN reporter. His sister came in from Maryland by bus.

Both came in the hopes of seeing and speaking to their brother, who has been concealed by government authority during a

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